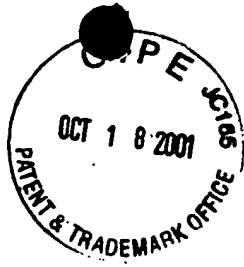


Okay to Enter



SUPPLEMENTAL REPLY UNDER  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 1623

NOT ENTERED

PATENT  
2185-0341P

BOX 1AF

#18/3  
12/2/01  
TECH  
OCT 22 2001  
1623  
2185-0341P

RECEIVED

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Yasutaka SHIMOKAWATOKO et al. Conf.: 8303  
Appl. No.: 09/289,180 Group: 1623  
Filed : April 9, 1999 Examiner: P. TUNG  
FOR : A METHOD FOR EVALUATING THE ABILITY OF A  
COMPOUND TO INHIBIT THE OXIDASE ACTIVITY

**SUPPLEMENTAL REPLY AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

October 18, 2001

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Advisory Action dated August 17, 2001, the following supplemental amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 33 and 35 without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend the following claims:

1/28. (Twice Amended) A method for evaluating the ability of a compound to inhibit protoporphyrinogen oxidase activity, comprising the steps of:

(1) transforming with a vector a host cell deficient in

78

E